

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission Members present: M. Flamang, J. Curro, L. Allen (chairman), M. King, M. Weil, K. Baskin, R. Foster

Associate Members: J. Smith, M. Velie, N. Davis

Additional Attendees: G. Clancy, M. Archeschi

See attached attendance list.

Minutes of April 2 approved with slight corrections.

Old Business: Rock Meadow

G. Clancy brought a large map from 1971.

Commission discussed getting a survey and wetland delineation done. The commission also discussed getting a grant. L. Allen thought that there might be a grant available from the DEM Lakes and Ponds. Others thought it would have to be specifically for a lake or a pond.

M. Flamang was out at Rock Meadow. He measured 200 feet from Concord Avenue to wet area. M. Flamang stated that he thinks that a sports field won't fit at Rock Meadow, at least where the current backstop is located. Also, there is currently no parking there.

M. Weil talked about and showed the Fresh Pond Reservation Resource Inventory.

Next steps: Draft a management plan. M. Flamang will be in charge. Plan will be developed in the summer. Subcommittee for Rock Meadow will meet on June 11, 7 pm to discuss the draft plan.

Old Business: Armenian Church

M. Weil went to Site visit in April with G. Clancy to meet with DEP representative, Steve Erickson and representative of the Church. DEP rep. looked at the Site. Point was made that blacktop has been increased. Erickson was asked why he appealed everything in the order of conditions. He said he always appeals everything. This time, that included the planting of bushes that was his idea. Erickson admitted that there may have been an addition of 200 feet of pavement, including the path on the side of the church.

DEP thinks that it is a negotiation. DEP wants Erickson to provide ideas of what he would do. G. Clancy told the DEP that the issue had been going on for eight (?) months. G. Clancy will call DEP and say that Erickson has not sent anything to the Town and is not willing to negotiate. He will also reiterate to DEP that our order of conditions is appropriate and should be done.

Old Business- Miscellaneous

Agassiz Avenue. Behind the construction, the hay bales and fencing were observed to be falling down. G. Clancy called David Vale who agreed to replace the hay bales.

Pond restoration at 150 Somerset: G. Clancy visited the Site and found it to be clean and the banks stabilized.

97 Somerset has to wait until dry season. Town will “TV” the culverts before the work is done. N. Davis said that Somerset Street is covered with dirt.

Junction Brook – Hearing conference for Junction Brook on May 21 at DEP offices. G. Clancy will attend.

8:00 Hearing: 115 Oliver Road

Lee Barber (owner), Ronald Gardiner (buyer) present. Backyard of property is Little Pond. The plan is to take down the one story ranch and build a two story colonial on the same or smaller footprint. The existing footprint is 54’ long by 37’ wide. The proposed footprint is 50’ by 34’.

During demolition, debris will be removed to street, put up hay bales in a U shape. Will remove foundation and pour a new one.

The home will be prefabricated so a new foundation is needed.

Neighbor, Leslie Sciascie (108 Oliver Road) spoke about an easement in Belmont, not claimed by Cambridge, and expressed concern about the pipe in the easement being damaged during construction. Existing foundation is 14 feet from the easement. During construction, the corner nearest to the easement will be isolated to preserve the pipe.

Neighbor, Robin Conti, from 114 Oliver Road also expressed concern.

N. Davis expressed concern of abutters to the pond.

The plan was approved.

Lee Barber updated the Con Com on the new field at the MDC property on Route 2.

8:35 Hearing: 155 Somerset Street

Dan Gordon, Landscape Architect presented the information.

He did a complete delineation – found Atkins Brook and Winns Brook to be intermittent and no wetlands were found on the Site.

The construction will include two dry wells for new addition runoff.

Septic will be located farther away. Hay bales will be placed around the whole area of construction to prevent siltation of the Brooks. Majority of the soil will be taken offsite. Will have to grade for septic, but will blend into landscape.

Mr. P. Edmonds, abutter to 155 Somerset, expressed concern about runoff from access road onto Somerset and Shady Brook Lane. Mr. Gordon said they will reset the haybales every night and before a rainstorm. The can introduce a filter fabric at catch basins. The order of conditions can include a condition to prevent siltation.

Order of conditions will be issued.

New Business

Carolyn Bishop inquired about Clay Pit Pond. Upset about condition of pond: Algal growth in the pond, fecal matter in the pond, input from playing fields. NPDES may give some authority.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.